

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

VALASSIS NSA

Docket No. MC2012-14

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Docket No. R2012-8

MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO DEFER DEADLINE FOR REPLY COMMENTS
(MAY 25, 2012)

On April 30, 2012, the United States Postal Service ("Postal Service") filed a "Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing of Contract and Supporting Data and Request to Add Valassis Direct Mail, Inc. Negotiated Service Agreement to the Market-Dominant Product List" ("Notice"). In Order No. 1330, Postal Regulatory Commission ("Commission") scheduled the deadline for comments from interested parties for May 23, 2012 and May 30, 2012 for reply comments.

The Postal Service respectfully requests that the Commission defer the deadline for reply comments to Friday, June 1, 2012 to provide the Postal Service sufficient time to adequately assess the merits of the comments received and respond accordingly. On Wednesday, the Postal Service received 28 comments, including many which will require it to evaluate the claims further. The Public Representative and Vertis Communications also filed their comments a day late. In light of the substantial and unusual number of comments in a proceeding to review a negotiated service agreement ("NSA"), as well as the Postal Service's need to consult with different organizations at Headquarters after the holiday weekend, the Postal Service would benefit from additional time to evaluate and reply to the comments. Further, with the Memorial Day

holiday on Monday and the late commenters, the Postal Service, as a practical matter, has two days less business days to reply than the seven-day response period would indicate. Thus, the Postal Service requests that the Commission grant its request and change the deadline for reply comments from May 30, 2012 to June 1, 2012. The Postal Service does not believe that any participant will be unduly prejudiced or inconvenienced by this extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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